

chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority recognition to Members who have printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of H.R. 2764 in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lowey and Wolf.

SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Research, Education and Training Programs to Facilitate Adoption of Solar Energy Technologies. Testimony was heard from Dan Arvizu, Director, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Department of Energy, and public witnesses.

PRODUCING FUTURE SKILLED WORKERS AND TECHNICIANS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the Role of Community Colleges and Industry in Meeting the Demand for Skilled Production Workers and Technicians in the 21st Century Economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 585, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the number of individuals qualifying for retroactive benefits from traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance; H.R. 156, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the Survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the Survivors of former prisoners of war who died after that date; and H.R. 704, To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce from age 57 to age 55 the age after which the remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse. Testimony was heard from

Representative Holden; Jack McCoy, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

DISCONNECTED AND DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Disconnected and Disadvantaged Youth. Testimony was heard from Representatives Yarmuth and Bachmann; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CIA CONTRACTOR POLICY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on CIA Contractor Policy. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

GREEN CITIES—MAYORAL INITIATIVES TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing on Green Cities: Mayoral Initiatives to Reduce Global Warming Pollution. Testimony was heard from the following Mayors: Tom Potter, Portland, Oregon; Richard M. Daly, Chicago, Illinois; and Pegeen Hanrahan, Gainesville, Florida.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D835)

H.R. 1676, to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing. Signed on June 18, 2007 (Public Law 110-37)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Hope VI Program, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine foreign aviation repair stations, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's response to 9-11, focusing on lessons learned for future emergency preparedness, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Patrick Dennis Duddy, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Joseph Adam Ereli, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Richard Boyce Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Stephen A. Seche, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider original bills entitled, "The Higher Education Access Reconciliation Act", "The Higher Education Amendments of 2007", and the nominations of Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, Michael Schwartz, of Illinois, and Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, all to be Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, Marylyn Andrea Howe, of Massachusetts, and Lonnie C. Moore, of Kansas, both to be Members of the National Council on Disability, and Kerri Layne Briggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine rising crime in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine S. 1285, to reform the financing of Senate elections, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Organizing the Roles, Missions, and Requirements of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007; and H.R. 2693, To direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue

a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, to mark up the following issues related to energy legislation: promote energy efficiency; facilitate the transition to a smart grid; re: Department of Energy EPA Act Loan Guarantees; to promote renewable fuel infrastructure; to promote advanced battery and plug-in hybrid technologies; and to enhance Energy Information Administration data collection 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing to receive the annual testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the State of the International Financial System, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, briefing and hearing on World Refugee Day 2007, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Adding Hezbollah to the EU Terrorist List, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Hacking the Homeland: Investigating Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities at the Department of Homeland Security," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, hearing on You Don't Know What You Don't Know: Has the Department of Homeland Security Improved its Ability to Maintain Situational Awareness Since Hurricane Katrina? 12 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Inspectors General: Independence Accountability, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2771, Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on meeting the Workforce Demands of Small Bio-Energy Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to continue consideration H.R. 2701, Transportation Energy Security and climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, June 20, hearing on Priority 8 Veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following: H.R. 1830, To extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until September 30, 2009; and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.